



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 05/07/2024

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
ENGAGING THE LAW OFFICE OF JIM JEFFREY AS OUTSIDE
COUNSEL RE: DEFENSE OF TARRANT COUNTY EMPLOYEE
DAVID UKLE IN A LAWSUIT ENTITLED CAROLYN RODRIGUEZ
V. TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ET AL., CIVIL
ACTION NO. 4:24-CV-00237-O**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Attorney Employment Agreement engaging the Law Office of Jim Jeffrey as outside counsel re: defense for Tarrant County employee Deputy David Ukle.

BACKGROUND

Tarrant County's employee David Ukle has been sued in a civil rights case. Pursuant to Loc. Gov't Code Section 157.901, it is necessary for outside counsel to be employed to represent this individual in the lawsuit entitled Carolyn Rodriguez v. Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, et al. Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-000237-O in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division.

With approval of this action, Tarrant County's employee David Ukle will have representation in this federal suit.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact associated with this action is unknown at this time, however, the law firm is to use all reasonable means to resolve this matter at a total cost of no more than \$30,000.00, subject to further court approval. The funds are available in account 61500-2024 Self Insurance Fund/1912000000 Self Insurance/585071 Litigation Expense

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